

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 92

By Watson

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of John Paalzow Farr of Red Bank.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of John Paalzow Farr; and

WHEREAS, John Farr was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born in Chattanooga to the late George Harris and Betty Paalzow Farr, John Farr graduated from The Baylor School; he earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Chattanooga, his master's degree from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and his doctorate degree at Middle Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, after more than thirty years of service in the United States Army, Mr. Farr retired at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel; and

WHEREAS, a former educator at Red Bank High School, Chattanooga Central, and Sale Creek, Mr. Farr started the wrestling program at Red Bank High School and led the team to three consecutive State wrestling championships; and

WHEREAS, the former director of the Humanities Department at Chattanooga State Community College, John Farr started the wrestling program there, directed state wrestling tournaments, officiated National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I tournaments, and served on the High School National Federation Wrestling Rules Committee and advisory boards; and

WHEREAS, deeply devoted to his community, he served as president of the Greater Chattanooga Area Sports Hall of Fame and as a member of the Incline Investors Club,

Chattanooga Area Historical Association, North River Kiwanis Club, and Red Bank Historical Association; and

WHEREAS, John Farr had been inducted into the Greater Chattanooga Area Sports Hall of Fame, Tennessee Secondary Schools Athletic Association Hall of Fame, and Tennessee Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, he was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Farr enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of forty-eight years, Delores J. Farr, and was the proud father of John (Peggy) Farr, Jr., and Ginger (Ed) Krubka; he will be lovingly remembered by his grandchildren, John III, Amber, and Kendall, and his great-granddaughter, Madelyn; and

WHEREAS, John Farr leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of John Paalzow Farr, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Farr.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.